

NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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Senior General Meeting Tuesday, September 1st Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner \$10.00

Mary Benson & Karen Indindoli will be preparing
Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, cabbage salad
& berry cobbler
Please RSVP to Mary at ben2556@sonic.net

Monthly Event Calendar

★ CLUB EVENTS ★

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| 8/29 | NHI Team Penning Buckle Series - Club Arena 6:30 |
| 9/1 | NHI General Meeting - Club House 7:30 |
| 9/2 | NJH Junior Gen. Meeting - Club House 7:00 |
| 9/6 | Club Challenge - Sebastopol Wranglers See pg. 2 for info |
| 9/11 | NHI Vaulting - Club Arena 5:00 |
| 9/13 | ARENA CLOSED - WCHA Rental |
| 9/15 | NHI Open Jumping - Club Arena 6:00 |
| 9/18-20 | ARENA CLOSED - Mike Brides Clinic - see pg. 8 for info |
| 9/19 | NHI Trail Ride - See pg. 2 for details |
| 9/22 | NHI Senior Board Meeting - Club House 7:00 |
| 9/25 | NHI Vaulting - Club Arena 5:00 |
| 9/26 | NHI Cowboy Mounted Shooting - Club Arena 11:00 |
| 9/27 | TTR Trail Test - See pg. 7 for details |
| 10/3 | NHI Trail Ride - Halleck Creek |
| 10/4 | ARENA CLOSED - Vaulting Fest |
| 10/6 | NHI General Meeting - Club House 7:30 |
| 10/7 | NJH Junior Gen. Meeting - Club House 7:00 |

★ OTHER EVENTS ★

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| 9/12 | PRDC Ranch Horse Versatility Show - PRDC |
| 9/19 | ACTHA TRAIL RIDE - www.saddlesoar.wikispaces.com |

Welcome New Member

Karen Indindoli



President's Message

From Ken Frank

By the time you read this, you'll have been stuffed at the Western day breakfast, Cowboy Shooters and Boots n Buckles feast extraordinaire... Please give Amy, Jimmy, David, Beth, Monte, Steven and the whole crew some kudos; they do such a great job... this raises a lot of money for the club and takes a village to pull off. I for one, find it to be the most exciting event of the year for us - thank you to this marvelous team!

Well, it's that time again folks, as we head into September it's time to think of club elections. Thanks to Alyssa Aubrey and Linda Leathers for chairing the nominating committee. If you want to make a difference for the club, the best way is step up and run for a board or officer position. You don't have to be on the board to help. This club runs on volunteers... If everyone just helped a little... and speaking of helping, please don't sit on the side lines judging those that are doing the best they can - volunteering. In the last two months I / the board, had the pleasure of receiving 26 e-mails from one very concerned member alone, commenting on 14 different subjects none of which makes this particular member very happy about the way the current board is doing things... Hmmm, you know, I don't understand people who sit on the side-lines and complain at what the ones who are volunteering their precious time aren't doing right. If ya don't like the way something is being done, step-up get involved, be on a committee, the board or volunteer; there's the solution. Ok, I feel better now.

Speaking of board positions, we have extended an invitation to a member to fill Gary's open seat and which has been accepted. We will formally vote and announce the person soooooon.

The Caretaker arrangement has officially been decided as that of an employee relationship. Last Tuesday, the board called a special meeting to make final the Caretaker position. We held a "Town Hall" style meeting giving everyone interested a turn at the mike. We heard a number of really great comments and we implemented most of them. Thank you to those of you that came out to share your concerns and comments. We listened and we heard what you had to say. This process took way longer than we had hoped; we wanted to do right by everyone, which is sometimes an impossible task. We picked up the caretaker issue from last year and while we may have made some turns along the way, we finally have a decision.

Hey calling all trail riders.. The Marin Trail Council along with hiking and bicycle coalition group(s) is having a trail clean-up day at Olema Valley on Sept 26; it would be nice to have some Novato Horsemen along out there to show the horse community's support for the trail system

I have often felt that some of my best times were had on the back of a horse.

Club News



SEPTEMBER TRAIL RIDE

SKYLINE WILDERNESS PARK-NAPA

Saturday, September 19th-Members only. Be in the saddle ready to ride at 10:30. Moderate ride-approximately 2 hours.

Bring a sack lunch. Meet in the horse camping area. Parking fee: \$6.00-1 horse and trailer. Questions, call Gilda Hagerty (415)892-1034



WE WANT YOU FOR THE 2010 NHI BOARD!

This is a wonderful opportunity for members to make the changes they feel should happen to make our club even better than it is. Previous experience is not necessary - just a desire to make a difference. The experience will not only give you a sense of accomplishment but it will also give you skills that you can use for the rest of your life!

If you are interest or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact Alyssa Aubrey (707) 878-2440 alyssa@horsesenseforteens.com or Linda Leathers (415) 897-7234 Bugsandbuds@aol.com

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**SEBASTOPOL
WRANGLERS
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**INTER-CLUB
CHALLENGE**


**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
6TH., 2009**

**BRING THE TROPHY
HOME TO NOVATO**

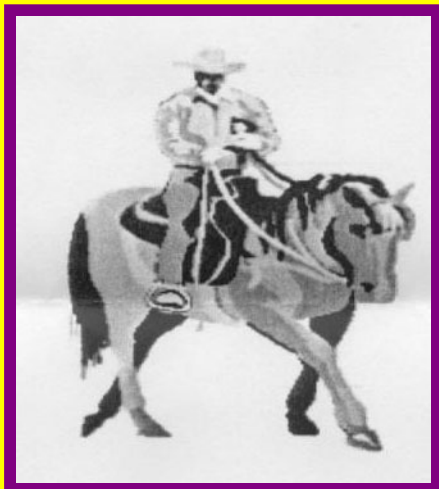
**SIGN UP AT 8AM
RIDE AT 9 AM**

**INFO CALL RHONDA LEPORI
@ (707) 322-3112**

Sept. Cattle Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3 BASIC COW	4 BEGINNING COW	5 TEAM PENNING	6
7 WORKING COW	8	9	10 RANCH CUTTING	11 BEGINNING COW	12 TEAM PENNING <small>Buckle Series</small>	13
14 WORKING COW	15	16	17 BASIC COW	18 BEGINNING COW	19 TEAM PENNING	20
21 WORKING COW	22	23	24 RANCH CUTTING	25 BEGINNING COW	26 TEAM PENNING	27
28 WORKING COW	29	30	Working Cow: Terry Clancy (707) 766-4641 -- Ranch Cutting & Basic Cow Work: Scott Colvin (415) 897- 8438; Team Penning: Steve Murphy (415) 794-7918 -- Beginning Cow. Stephen Schwindt (415) 897-8453			

Nightly Fee: \$20.00 per rider – All events start at 7 p.m. except penning which starts at 6:30 and Beginning Cow which starts at 9:00AM. Contact any chairperson for information. If it's hot (85+) at the time of event, the chairperson may cancel that event. Call the chairperson if you're unsure.



TAMALPAIS TRAIL RIDERS ANNUAL TRAIL TEST

NOVATO HORSEMEN ARENA

600 BUGEIA LANE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

EVENT STARTS AT 9:00 AM

Trophy & Ribbons through 6th Place

Separate Division for Juniors

Entry Fee \$30.00

Limited to 50 Riders, Call for details and to reserve space

Contact Howard Hoeflein (707) 888-7059

SEEKING REFINEMENT

Snaffle Bit & Hackamore

Body & Hand Positions

Intermediate to Advanced

AREAS COVERED



- Hand positions, positive & negative.
- Understanding the six pelvis positions and how to use.
- Leg positions as direct signals.
- Leg pressure as enhancing signals (understand the five parts of your leg).
- Upper body weight, how to use to enhance signals.
- Putting multi signals in concert.
- Developing two or more signals to ask your horse for the same movement.

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Come learn from *Mike Bridges* how to use the different parts of your body as direct signals and enhancing signals. The clinic is presented in a way that is easy to understand. It will get you on the right trail for better communication with your horse and make the quest for refinement easier.

LIMIT: 15 RIDERS

DATE: Sept. 18-19-20
2009

PRICE HORSE & RIDER: \$125.00
PER DAY + ARRIVAL FEE

PLACE: NOVATO HORSEMANS

HOST: - SCOTT COLVIN

FRI. - SUN.

AUDITOR:
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(415) 716-1927



Classified Ads

SADDLE FOR SALE: Crates Reining Saddle, in new condition, 15 1/2" seat, dark brown with black padded seat, full quarter horse bars. \$1200.00, call Jill 415-897-2404

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SHOW HALTERS AND BRIDLES: too many to describe call or email for details. Jungibug@aol.com 707-338-5141

WANTED: I am desperately looking for pasture board for my 2 year old Oldenburg filly in Novato. I would prefer a private barn. All I need is safe fencing, quality food and preferably an arena/roundpen. I am a very easy boarder to have. Ashley 415-374-5349

ROOM FOR RENT - In large ranch house, dog and horse o.k., large pasture, Santa Rosa/Pengrove area, \$700 + utilities, Call Matt (707) 235-4143.

DO YOU WANT A BUCKSKIN BABY? - I have a sweet, mellow and extremely talented and agile Perlino Morgan Stallion that I am offering for hand breeding. He has two mares in foal but he and I are new to breeding and are looking for mare and mare owners that are experienced and willing to work together. If this is you, I am offering breeding for a limited time for \$300.00. Eileen-eileen.shamanism@gmail.com

SUPER SWEET ARAB, SAPPHIRE - Great 4H prospect! Really cute bay mare. 14.1 H. Goes English/Western. Jumps x-bars with good form. Has been used in summer camp/lesson program by intermediate children. This horse has a wonderful personality, and is always willing and eager to please. \$4,500 OBO (415)328-8620

APHA PLEASURE/TRAIL SHOW GELDING - 13yr. old, 15.1H Dun Overo Paint Reg.#335,042 Great pattern and trail show horse! A fun and handsome horse to have in the barn. Has been shown successfully in trail, horsemanship, and showmanship. Zippo Pine Bar bred! Owner switching to reining. Suitable for intermediate youth or adult. \$6,000 (415)328-8620

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Thank you Martin Ranch Supply for your donation to NHI's 4th of July Parade Entry

General Reminders

General Information - Dogs must be leashed or safely located in a vehicle while on club grounds. Also, it is the responsibility of each on-site event chair to have a cell-phone for emergencies.

Close the Gate - It is an NHI Standing Rule that all members need to close the gates. If you see a gate open, close it. We must all be vigilant.

Club Gear - Show your support by wearing NHI logo'd products on your hat, t-shirt, sweatshirt or window cling. Let the community know you are a member of this great club. Contact Mary Shannon (415) 331-2555 or hicute@yahoo.com for availability and pricing.

Newsletter - If you have something for the newsletter please email it to Beth Roens at b_roens@hotmail.com or call (415) 613-9955. All submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.

Sunshine - If someone needs a little sunshine in their life, contact Jana Hefner (415) 897-3955.



Calendar Reminders

OPENING JUMPING - September 15th at 6:30pm. Free of charge and open to all members. Riders must be able to control their horse at all gaits. Open to riders with any level of experience over fences. Rain cancels. Please come early if you can to start the set up. See you there! Mary Shannon (415) 652-5353 or hicute@yahoo.com.

COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING - \$15.00 September 26th 11:00 - 2:00 Combines the challenges of full speed barrel racing with precision action shooting. Competitors shoot blank cartridges from .45-caliber pistols at balloon targets. Beginners welcome and encouraged! For practice information contact Dan and Judy Millikin at 892-8472 or millikins@comcast.net

VAULTING FOR ALL AGES - September 11th & 25th 5:00 to 7:00, Carolyn Conner will be holding a vaulting clinic for all members at Novato Horsemen's Arena. No prior gymnastic or riding experience is required. For more info contact Carolyn at 246-4377 or cc_vaulter@yahoo.com

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